

## **GLIMPSES OF PAST- HONEYDEW -**

### **key points**

- It is the history of our country during 1757-1857.
- India was under British rule during this period.
- India princes were dethroned by the British East India Company.
- Indian people led a miserable life during this period in every field
- Many learned men gathered and together the people of India revolted against the British raj.
- In 1857 , a revolt out broke and the consequence of the revolt paved the way to the first freedom fight against British rule in India.

During 18th century, British east India Company was extending its power in worldwide. That time Indian princes were fighting each other. East India Company subdued Indian princes one by one. During the period of 1765 to 1836 India had to witness many incidents. Untouchability, child marriage and other social evils existed in Indian society. The people were superstitious also. The British imposed heavy taxes on farmers so that farmers had to abandon their fields. The east India Company's law began to cripple Indian industries. Ram Mohan Roy, a learned person from Bengal understood what was wrong with this country.

He was attracted by science and modern knowledge. He went to England and fought for the justice of India. But the British continued to oppress Indians. In 1818 they had passed regulation III, under it, an Indian could be jailed without trial in a court. During 1835-56 Thomas Macaulay suggested some change in Indian Education. They taught Indians their language. By 1856, British had conquered the whole India. Some Indian soldiers in east India Company were ill pleased with the attitude of East Indian Company. A soldier named Mangal Pandey attacked the adjutant of his regiment and executed. In 1857, a violent revolt was out broken. The rebellion spread wider. Many landlords lost their lands, because of the British policies . Many rulers like Begum Hazrat Mahal of Lucknow were bitter. Popular leaders like Maulvi Abenedulla of Faisabaad, Tantya Tope aroused the people of India to fight against British Raj.